

**FREDERICK COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES
FREDERICK SENIOR CENTER
April 13, 2009**

DOA MEMBERS	DOA STAFF	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED	GUESTS
William P. Allen, PhD	Margaret Nusbaum	Suzan M. Adams		
Earl S. Beck, PhD	Susan M Ramsburg Recording Sec	Harold A. Ehart, Jr., Chair		
Rae Ann Butler		Carolyn True		
David Gray, Comm.				
Lloyd Hoover				
Alan Imhoff, Alderman				
Ona M. John Kile				
Louise Lynch				
Burt Shawver				
Virginia Skelley				
Robert Wannemacher				

- I. **Call to Order – Louise Lynch, Vice Chair**, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.
- II. **Welcome & Introductions – Louise Lynch** welcomed all attendees. She will be chairing this meeting in Hal's absence.
- III. **Approval of Minutes –** - The minutes of the February 9, 2009 meeting were approved. All were in favor.

- IV. Commissioner's Report** – Commissioner David Gray reported that the County Commissioners are continuing to work on the 2010 budget. The Department of Aging will continue to have the frozen positions of Admin Specialist III and I&A Program Coordinator. The main goal at this time is to avoid lay-offs.

Alderman's Report – Alderman Imhoff reported that the Frederick Community Action Agency is able to expand and grow due to stimulus and grant money. Other programs remain unchanged.

- V. Reports on Senior Center Visits, All** – There were a couple successful visits to senior centers. Members of the Commission found the centers well attended by seniors and various activities/programs available to them. Some members were unable to attend a center last month, but will work to fulfill their commitment soon and bring information to a future meeting. A guideline is available to make the visit more effective. Some of the centers have developed activities with area youth and schools.

Nominating Committee Report, Earl Beck – The Nominating Committee held interviews on March 12th. Three candidates are being recommended for inclusion on this Commission. The recommendations have been sent for approval of the BoCC.

Judy Peterson has submitted a resignation letter. Ona John Kile, Louise Lynch, and Earl Beck should be formally recommended by the Commission for reappointment as their previous terms have expired. A motion was put forth by Rae Ann Butler to accept the one resignation and recommend the three reappointments and seconded by Bob Wannemacher. All were in favor.

Coalition Update, Louise Lynch – The Executive Committee composed a letter which was sent out to local senior organizations to invite them to become a part of the coalition. Two groups have contacted Hal for information. We would like to request the BoCC hold October 13th open for a forum with senior organizations.

- VI. Update on Ausherman Family Foundation Conference, Kitty Devilbiss** – Kitty recently attended a volunteer development conference titled, *Empower Your Non-Profit*. There were a lot of ideas presented on how to energize volunteers and utilize their time and talents most effectively. Organizations should spend time and effort on “growing” volunteers as well as growing funds. Volunteers should receive the same privileges and respect as regular paid employees. Handouts with more information are available. The MOW Task Force is still working together and making progress. By the end of the May,

the by-laws and all the committee needs will be identified. They will be researching grants for start-up funds for mailings and promotions.

Virginia Skelley attended her first USM meeting and has brought literature back from that meeting. A report from the USM meetings will be added to the CoA monthly meeting agenda

VII. Director's Report, Carolyn True– See written report.

The Commission would like an update on the Property Tax letter at next month's meeting.

The suggested reduction of Senior Care Program and the Medicaid Waiver Program is not final. We are still waiting for final confirmation.

There will be a proclamation by the BoCC that May is Older American's Month on April 14, 2009 at 8:30am at Winchester Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Ramsburg,
Recording Secretary

Upcoming Dates:

May 11, 2009 – COA Meeting at 1:00 pm, Frederick Senior Center, 1440 Taney Avenue, Frederick, MD 21702.

May 13, 2009, 8:30am-11:30am, "Navigating the Nursing Home Journey", Frederick Senior Center, 1440 Taney Avenue, Frederick, MD 21702

May 26, 2009 – COA Executive Meeting, 1:00 pm at the Frederick Senior Center.